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IN the lucid Body of the Moon, where, as several famous Bards have lately found out, are vast Regions and Territories, there are Three flourishing Provinces; the first and most delightful lying *Eastward*, being known by the Name of the *Province of * Roses and Artichokes*; the second lying *Westward*, call'd the *Province of † Potatoes*; and the third, bounding to the *North*, entituled the *Province of || Thistles*, and under the Government and Jurisdiction of * *Oak-Royal*; who as Queen Regent presides over the whole, assisted by a Grand Council or † *Sanbedrins*, containing five or six of the Noblest and most Judicious Trees.

This Gracious Oak, the good Genius as well as Glory of the *Province*, was, by the particular Influence of Heaven, Endow'd with all excellent Graces proper for Sovereignty, Pious, Bountiful and Indulgent; and thro' the greatness of Her Power, had Scope enough to make Her known and terrible Abroad, and extreamly beloved at Home; shading from

* Eng—d. † Ire—d. || Scot—d. * Q. A. † The P—t

from violent Storms a Number of lesser Trees and Plants that flourish beneath Her happy Influence.

It happen'd that * *Goshawk*, King of a Neighbouring *Wood*, overgrown with *Pride*, and flash'd with the former Successes of several Years; having made his Grandson the young † *Lannaret*, King of the Luscious Province of * *Grapes*, by a pretended Right; it occasioned a very furious War to break forth, that the *Royal-Oak* found her self oblig'd to persue the Measures of her Royal Predecessor, the Prince of || *Orange-Trees*, and Confederated with the * *Imperial-Ganza*, and other brave and potent Allies, who jointly agree to Establish † *Prince-Widgeon*, in the *Region of Grapes*.

In the beginning of Her Reign, she gave a considerable Checque to the Tow'ring *Goshawk*, by the Bravery and Conduct of the Noble || *Duke of Cypress*, who tho' a Couragious Attempt of his, upon a strong Fortrefs, prov'd Unsuccessful; yet did Fortune make ample Satisfaction, by giving him an opportunity to surprize the rich Cargo of *L'or*, returning to the *Province of Grapes*, at a Place call'd * *Ogivo*; which having burnt and destroy'd, he soon brought home a good part of the *Bullion* to his Sovereign.

Nor this only, but disgrace upon disgrace happen'd to the King of *Goshawk*, either under the leading of Bold and Valliant Prince || *Tyger*, or the Vigalant and Expert Duke of * *Birchgrove*: So that Prince *Widgeon* being assisted with a suitable Equipage and Arms, was sent to invade the Kingdom of *Grapes*, and with him the Lord *Maple*, a General

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* K. of *F—e*. † K. *P—p*. * *Sp—n*. || K. *Wm*.
 * *Emp—r*. † K. *Ch—s*. || D. *O—d*. * *V-go*. || P.
Es—ne. * D. *M—gh*.

heral of indefatigable Diligence and Bravery, who began the Siege of † *Anolecrab*, which he took to the Amazement of all *Europe*, and brought King *Widgeon*, who had then been Proclaim'd and Acknowledg'd by many of King *Lannarets* Subjects, to his Capital of || *Dirdam*; but Fortune, who is seldom constant in her Favours, finding King *Widgeon* Tame and Spiritless, and unfit to receive her, left him to change the Glorious Diversion of obtaining such a Diadem, for the diminutive and mechanick Pastime of a Country *Bull-baiting*.

By which King *Lannaret* reassuming fresh Courage, and assisted timely by K. *Goshawk*, return'd to his Court, and afterwards, under Duke * *Querculous*, a flourishing Slip of the late Monarch *Oak* of the Province of *Roses*, gave him a total defeat at † *Aznamla*; by which the whole Scheme of Successes was quite turn'd, and King *Widgeon* was driven back to his Original Seat at *Anolecrab*.

Whilst Matters went variously Abroad, let us survey again the Three Provinces at Home. The Province of *Potatoes* and that of *Thistles*, tho' equally concern'd in Fealty to the *Oak-Royal*, yet in the midst of these Turmoils lay supinely quiet a long time, till grown mouldy for want of Use, a Vagrant Party in the last, Starving upon the Barrenness of their Soil, and extreamly ready and willing to change it for a better; and therefore began to cavil at the Succession, and Dispute the Title the || *Dutcheß Dowager* of *Eldars*, whose Legal Right was before confirm'd by the *Sanbedrin*: But these were were thought to be highly inclin'd to * *Pr. Shrub*, a Slip, as some believe, of

† *Barcelona*. || *Madrid*. * *D. Ber—k*. † *Almanza*.
|| *El—r Han—r*. * *Preten—r*.

of the late Abdicated Monarch, tho' others negatively declare him Spurious; and who, whatever His Right of Birth be, is infected with the *Chimere Romano*, and so made incapable to Reign, and consequently of all Claim by Descent. This ill-fated *Shrub* the *Goshawk* had for near Twenty Years shelter'd near his Mew, and hoping to pay himself well at last, had continually been urging the *Male-contented Thistles* to Rebel, with promise to send over *Prince Shrub*, who he call'd their Lawful Sovereign, whenever they would put themselves in a Capacity to receive him.

To Arm Herself therefore against this, the Prudent *Oak-Royal* proposes a lasting Union between the two Provinces, which taking Effect, as it was both Fortunate and Beneficial to both Provinces, yet bore quite another Face to the King of *Goshawk*, who thinking to take Advantage of the discontent of the *Thistlians*, contrives to send *Prince Shrub* thither with a powerful Fleet to invade the Province of *Thistles*; but this miscarried, and *Prince Shrub* return'd full of Shame and Confusion to his Royal Benefactor.

Whilst these pass'd, the * *Eusebian-Party*, in the Province of *Roses* began to Exert themselves, and raise their Heads in a very solemn manner conveying some of their principal Trees, which, as Fame gives out, was the Pontifical Father in God, the Lord † *Mistletoe*, the great Earl of || *Elms*, and the virulent Lord * *Crabtree*, whose Sap arose Yearly in him so acid and bitter a Quality, that it prov'd frequently very coroding to the *Oak-Royal*; but above all the rest † *Sir Aps Legis*, and || *Sir Poplar of the Hill*, were

* *Aigh-C—b*: † *Bp. L—n* || *E. N—m*. * *Ld. Hav—m*. † *Ld. Har—t*. || *E. Ox—d*.

were most busie ; nor were their Desires founded up-
 on trivial Matters, no less than removing the Earl of
 * *Walnuts*, Principal Officer in Trust for the Manage-
 ment of Foreign Affairs, was their Resolve, which
 they soon hoped would be follow'd by a total Change
 of the whole Ministry : But when this Affair was
 brought near its *Crisis*, the Design of it was suddenly
 unravell'd, and totally frustrated ; Sir *Aps Legis* not
 thinking fit to stay for his Sentence of dismissal,
 laid down his Coronal Advocacy, whilst the deep
 Sighted Sir *Poplar of the Hill*, then in the Quality of
Reginæ Secretorium, was also displanted, and † Sir *Pop-*
lar of the Valley put in his Room.

Things being carried on in this manner, gave oc-
 casion to some at Court to push on their several In-
 terests, and the Policy, Care, and Vigilance of the
 || *Earl of Pommes d'or*, the Wisdom, Candour, and
 Unwaried diligence of the Lord * *Sycamore* was Sig-
 nal on this Occasion ; for tho' there were other
 Peers and Gentry, who all, with ready Zeal, made
 specious Pretences to serve their Sovereign and
 Country, and therefore, aptly were Honour'd with
 their several Employ's ; yet it is reasonably Credited,
 that by the Address and Interest of Sir *Poplar of the*
Hill, and the Policy and Pleading of *Aps Legis*, and
 the hourly Management of their good Friend, Ma-
 dam *Eglantine*, who constantly Administer'd near
 the *Oak-Royal*. The *Low-Party*, that were in Office,
 had been Dismis'd, had not the Brave and Eternally
 renoun'd Hero, the Duke of *Birch-Grove*, assisted by
 some other Noble Trees, attended *Oak-Royal*, in the
 very Crisis of Time, and with a Noble Resolution,
 declar'd, That unless the Principal Incendiary, as
 they

* E. S——d. † Mr. B——le || E. G——n. * Ld. C——r

up- they call'd him, were not remov'd, and made incapable
 of future Management in Publick Business, they must
 instantly Desert Her Service, and deliver up all
 Patent Seals, and Commissions.

And now, whilst the Party was Enjoying their
 full Satisfaction, another disturbance suddenly broke
 out. This was one * *Rabbi Quince*, who being in
 the Interest of the *Eusebian*-Party, took an opportu-
 nity in a very Hot and Vehement Oration to Ex-
 pose the Great Ones.

The *Rabbi* was brought to a legal Tryal, and
 Condemn'd to suffer some slight Innignity, yet the
Eusebian Party gain'd their Point

And now, when it was little expected, the Duke of
Birch-Grove was suddenly dismiss'd, not only from his
 Command, but also from all his Offices and Employ-
 ments; his Consort, the Lady *Ivy*, having suffer'd the
 same Shock of Malevolent Fortune some time before.

Various you may believe were the Sentiments of
 the *Province* on this Considerable Accident, and the
Sanhedrin call'd him to Accocnt for suppos'd Miscar-
 riages. Others more Vindictive and Licentious had
 not not such Regard for his Merit; notorious Li-
 bels frequently spreading abroad, and many of 'em
 inveterately tainted with more Malice then Justice.
 And now, to come slowly to a Conclusion, the
Sanhedrin thought fit to lay by Affairs concerning
 him for a Season; new Matters relating to Peace,
 as before hinted, being again on Foot, tho' not
 unanimously agreeing, the Imperial *Ganza*, with the
 States of the Continent of *Plashy* demurring for some
 selfish and politick Reasons, and therefore at first,
 notwithstanding these Halcyon Notions, Prepara-
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tions, for War was agitating as orderly as ever, on all Sides, the greatly belov'd and highly deserving Duke of *Cypress*, being chosen by *Oak-Royal*, as Generalissimo over her Forces in the room of the late mention'd Duke of *Birch-Grove*, and soon after sent away ; but when, pursuant to his Heroick Temper, he was big with hopes of Action, and perpetuating his Glory by a considerable Advantage, that he and the glorious Prince *Tyger* thought they had gained of the Enemy, Orders were sent from the Province of *Roses*, strictly forbidding all Attacks on his Part, which tho' receiv'd with a condescending Duty, proper for the Noble Soul of the Gallant *Cypress* ; yet on t'other side, every one may guess what Heart-burning and Dissatisfaction must rage in a generous Posom, where thirst of Glory was so predominant.

And now to prove what had so long been expected, was Authentick, and near Ratification.

Succeeding this, presently follow'd a long Speech from Her Majesty, *Oak-Royal*, which denoted real and conclusive Offers of Peace, on the part of King *Goshawk* to the Confederacy, which considerable Point (veiling her Royal Prerogative) she thought fit to communicate to the assembled *Sanhedrin*, and also in return, graciously received their general Acknowledgments in Addresses, proper for the welcome Occasion.

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